

Youth Advisory Board
Minutes
March 21, 2014

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Patty Tiberio, Chris Healy, Rachael Sunny, Todd Willard, and Leslie Esoian

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The YAB welcomed new members Todd Willard (Youth Minister at First Church) and Leslie Esoian (Wethersfield Community Cable and PTO at Highcrest).

Read mission statement for YAB.

The Youth Advisory Board consists of Wethersfield citizens and representatives of key agencies in town including the school system, police, Town Council and Social and Youth Services. The Board's purpose is to gather information from youth and adults in town to form youth policies and to develop youth programs in response to town needs. It also serves to advocate for youth issues and disseminate relevant information to the appropriate audiences who have interests or involvement with youth. Recent activities include volunteer recognition events and involvement in drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention efforts. To contact please call (860) 721-2977.

The following reports are related to ongoing programs:

- Rachael Sunny, Youth Development Manager, reported that 3 Crossroads classes were active this winter.
- Social and Youth Services has combined with Parks and Recreation and is overseen by Kathy Bagley.
 - Currently accepting applications for an assistant director to oversee Social and Youth Services.

The following reports are related to future programs:

- Youth Employment Services (YES) will happen July 2014. Colleen Keane has been hired to run this program. Working with high school administrators to select students.
- Youth Volunteer Recognition Night will take place May 1, 2014 at 7 PM at community center. Rachael has received 300 forms and will send out invitations to those students with RSVP date of April 24th. Rachael will handle mailing and creation of program.
 - Todd will get donated seeds from NE Seed to award each student.
 - Leslie will create a certificate to award each student. Will also get quote.
 - Agreed to allow the friends of the Eleanor Buck Wolf to award their annual scholarship at the Youth Volunteer Recognition Night.
- Began discussion of creation of teen center at the community center Friday evenings.

Financial Report:

Fund balance in YAB account is \$8,103.35 (as of 3-21-14).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting is April 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Rachael Sunny